

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 82

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A RESOLUTION to honor J.C. Campbell upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is J.C. Campbell, who will be honored with induction into the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a fitting recognition of his remarkable success on the gridiron as the head coach of the Hampton High School football team; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious forty-one year tenure at the helm of the Hampton Bulldogs, his teams posted a remarkable 275-166-1 record, including 160-75 in conference play, had twenty-five winning seasons, claimed twenty-two playoff births, and won eleven conference championships; and

WHEREAS, the face of high school football in Carter County, Coach Campbell led his gridiron warriors to fourteen playoff wins, six state quarterfinals, and three successive state semi-finals in 2005, 2006, and 2007; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Campbell and his legion of Bulldog fans fondly recall many wonderful wins, including an 18-14 upset of state-ranked Unicoi County in Erwin in 1983 and a glorious 16-15 victory over powerhouse Alcoa High School in the Class 2A playoffs in 1996; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Campbell's indelible legacy of integrity and hard work laid the groundwork for the success not only of the Hampton High School football program but also for

the generations of stalwart young men who proudly wore the Bulldog blue and white as they learned the values of discipline, dedication, and determination; and

WHEREAS, one of the most respected and esteemed figures in high school football competition, Coach Campbell possesses coaching skills and abilities which garnered him the admiration of football fans and purists throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Coach Campbell has been honored twenty-nine times as Coach of the Year during his career by a variety of organizations, is a member of the Northeast Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and was a recipient of the A.F. Bridges Sportsmanship Award as the 2005/2006 Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a forty-nine year employee of the Carter County School System, Coach Campbell served as athletic director and vice principal at Hampton High School for twenty years, coached track for eighteen years, producing nine conference championships and several state qualifiers, and where, as a most appropriate tribute, the football stadium was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Campbell carried out his coaching duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character, earning the respect and admiration of his players, colleagues, and the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Campbell has enjoyed the love and support of his family, including his wife, Jannett Campbell, his son, James Glenn Campbell, and his late daughter, Celia Ann Campbell; and

WHEREAS, J. C. Campbell exemplifies the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend J. C. Campbell, recognizing his illustrious service as the head football coach of Hampton High School and joining with his players, family, and friends in celebrating his much-deserved induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.